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Dear Joshua,

thank you for your last two letters.  
Giovanni will write you directly about his visit.

You will be interested to know that  
the first move on the ~~Nice~~ project (fluorination)  
seems promising. Some antibacterial activity is found:  
it will take some time to get it out. This is among  
the main programmes this year.

You never answered my question, if it  
would be all right for you if I sent you a personal  
cheque to cover your interest expenses. On the assumption  
that you do not mind it, I am sending a cheque for  
£ 67.20. (£ 60 + £ 7.20 for Advances in Fluorine Che-  
mistry: you made a mistake by a factor of 2 in tran-  
slating pounds into dollars.)

I have written to Di Girolamo (who  
will probably be next year with Gorini) to send ~~me~~  
his latest news on metabolic differences between F  
+ 4 F. I am under the impression that he had even-  
tually results showing that the increase in respi-  
ration at mating was spurious, but will let you  
know more about it.

Alba and I were on a trip to  
Istanbul, Israel, Athens. Very pleasant.

I have, at the moment, insufficient  
energy to consider book writing seriously: the news

of Li's book was somewhat relieving, but I have not seen the book yet. Li himself will be here for a month, starting tomorrow.

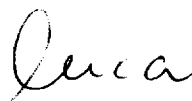
All the statistical work is proceeding with a very slow pace, and I am starting to consider going back to the lab. Next year will not unfortunately be the best time for it, as the University of Pavia is now getting a computer, and I am still divided between Pavia and Parma, which limits considerably the chance of starting some experimental work.

I cannot think seriously, as you say, of plans for coming to the U.S., but it is always very pleasant to be reminded of an invitation to Stanford. May be I will attend the Symposium on differentiation at Oak Ridge. Will you be there, by any chance? Will you be in Stanford at that time?

Thank you for the Civil War NY Times. It is a good historical document. I think some newspaper from a Southern State should do the same.

All the best to you and Esther

Yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Luca'.

L.L. Cavalli-Sforza